(c) The steps taken to check the accidents are as under :-

1. The work of track circulating has been accelerated on the trunk routes and important main lines.
2. Upgradation of track structure has been done by using heavier rails and concrete sleepers.
3. The track is maintained by Tie tamping and ballast cleaning machines Track is also now being laid with track renewal trains and portal cranes.
4. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscilograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.
5. Maintenance facilities for Coaches and Wagons have been modernised.
6. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axiles.
7. Training facilities for drivers guards and other staff connected with train operation have been modernised Drivers are being trained on simulators
8. Performance of the staff is constantly monitored. The staff whose knowledge of rules is found deficient are counselled and are sent for refresher training

Mother Dairy Vegetable and Fruit Stalls

2185 SHRI RAM SAGAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the objectives of Mother Dairy Vegetable and Fruit Stalls and the extent to which the same have been achieved;

(b) whether the quality of the fruits and vegetables sold by them is of poor quality and the rates are higher in comparision to the open market.

(c) if so the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken and proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the services by these outlets?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) (a) The project aims at linking fruit and vegetable growers or rural areas with consumers in the urban areas Under the Project growers associations in rural areas have been established, a central distribution facility and about 200 retail outlets in Delhi have been set up to achieve the above objective.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Train between Dehradun and Ramnagar

2186. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT "BACHDA" : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no direct rail service between Dehradun and Ramnagar;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce direct rail service on this route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise

[Translation]

Losses Incurred by D.M.S.

2187 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme has been running in loss for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details of the loss suffered by the Delhi Milk Scheme during each of the last five years, till date; and

(c) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring down the said loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budgetary support provided to Delhi Milk Scheme, for its operations, during each of last five years is as under

Year	Budgetary Support
1991-92	Rs 44.50 Crores
1992-93	Rs 27.86 Crores
1993-94	Rs 9.70 Crores
1994-95	Rs 4.64 Crores
1995-96	Rs 45.15 Crores

(c) The loss is on account of the sale price of DMS milk being below the cost of production